Low Power T.V. Transmitter in Shimla

†91. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a very lower power T.V. transmitter has been set-up at Chirgaon in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh during the year 2002-03;

(b) if so, whether the area expected to be covered from the transmitter tower at Chirgaon is not being covered because the tower is behind a hill;

(c) whether local people have requested again and again for changing its location; and

(d) if so, by when Government would get it installed at a right place so that maximum number of people could see the T.V. programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Installation of VLPT at Chirgaon was completed during 2002-03 and the transmitter has been commissioned w.e.f. 1.5.2003.

(b) VLPT at Chirgaon is reported to be functioning normally and provides coverage within a range of about 8 Kms. However, certain pockets, though in the coverage zone of the transmitter, are not covered due to hilly terrain conditions.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that no request for change of location of the above VLPT has been received.

(d) Does not arise.

Implementation of CAS

92. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments have demanded that Centre should pay for losses due to implementation of CAS;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

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